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Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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**RE: APPLICATION OF CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF PIEDMONT
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND
CHARGES, THE APPROVAL OF REVISED TARIFFS AND APPROVAL OF REVISED
SERVICE REGULATIONS**
Docket No. 04-00034

Dear Chairman Tate:

The Consumer Advocate does not object to Hal Novak's participation as an advisor to the director in Docket No. 04-00034. The Consumer Advocate does not have any information that would lead it to believe that Mr. Novak's participation would create an appearance of impropriety. Because the TRA is able to examine all the information it has about Mr. Novak and any ties he may still have (financial or otherwise) with Chattanooga Gas, the Consumer Advocate simply defers to the judgment of the TRA or the TRA's Hearing Officer in determining the extent to which Mr. Novak's participation should be allowed.

Sincerely,

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